

News Review of Current Events the World Over

Chino-Japanese War May Come From Autonomy Movement—Oil Embargo Against Italy Postponed—President Busy With the Budget.

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Gen. Chiang Kai-shek.

DOWNRIGHT war between the Chinese armies of Chiang Kai-shek and the Japanese appeared almost certain when the autonomy movement in north China was revived in eastern Hopei and the Chahar provinces by Yin Jue-shan, the administrative commissioner and friend of Japan. Leaders of the rest of the region were undecided on their course, but Japanese troops began to pour into the region, and the equipment at Peking was more than doubled. The Fengtai railway line, a few miles from Peking was seized, Colonel Takahashi, military attaché, asserting that this was necessary because the rolling stock was being of the Japanese forces.

In Nanking officials said the National government was determined to meet with force any attempt to force autonomy on the territory south of Hoof and Chahar provinces, and the executive Yuan proclaimed five sweeping orders designed to stop the spread of the movement. Chiang was hurrying large bodies of troops to the north. He also sought to hold the support of the Shanghai war lord, Han Fuchen, by entrusting him with the defense of the northern Honan and Shantung provinces and promising him arms and supplies. It neither to stem invasion. Han Fuchen of late has been moved assiduously by the Japanese.

Young Chiangwei, premier and foreign minister of the Nationalist government, resigned as president of the cabinet. He has not fully recovered from the recent attempt to assassinate him.

BRAZIL was experiencing another revolution in the northern part of the country. Latest advice said the rebels had control of the city of Natal and that a hot fight was on for possession of Pernambuco. The uprising was said to be Communist in character and was led by Luis Carlos Prestes, Communist leader for all of South America. It was said he planned to spread the movement all over Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Chile.

Under command of Gen. Manuel Rabelo, the federal troops, army and navy airplanes and two cruises were hurriedly sent northward to combat the rebellion.

Several days later a revolt broke out in Rio de Janeiro, the capital, despite extraordinary precautions. The principal participants were the aviation field government troops recruited. It was announced this outbreak had been suppressed.

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THERE was terror throughout Germany when Hitler stated what apparently was to be another "purely German" war. Hundreds of persons were arrested and taken to prison or concentration camps, those taken including some minor officials of the Nazi party in Berlin. Many others were known as Socialists. The Association of Nationalistic Jews, composed of war veterans, was suppressed and its leader killed.

NOVEMBER 20 had been set as the date for a meeting of the League of Nations sanctions committee to consider the imposition of an oil embargo against Italy, but Premier Laval and British Ambassador George Russell Clark, after a conference in Paris, recommended that the session be indefinitely postponed, and this action was taken. The statement feared early oil sanctions would seriously aggravate the political situation and Laval thought it might bring about the conclusion of the Italo-Ethiopian war.

There were good reasons for the unwillingness of the French and British governments. Benito Mussolini had bluntly told the world that the imposition of an oil embargo would mean war in Europe, the warning being given through his ambassador to France, Vittorio Ceratti. Furthermore, there was doubt in London and Paris concerning the ability of the United States government to prevent the shipment of oil to Italian ports. In Washington it was reported that Ambassador Augusto Rocco had discussed the matter with Secretary of State Hull, suggesting that attempts to choke off exports of oil, copper, cotton and other commercial articles did not constitute "orthodox" neutrality.

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PAN-AMERICAN Airways opened a new chapter in the story of aviation when its biplane, the Clipper, carried the first contingent of air mail from Miami to Havana.

Identical bids on an ocean terminal at Miami dock—Inland, Carnegie, Jones & Laughlin, and Kalmus (a Bethlehem subsidiary).

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There was no foreign bid on the Miami project and Mr. Ickes said the contract would be awarded to the company that is farthest away and has to ship the highest freight bill—the object is to spread prosperity around.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT was studying the department estimates for the budget of 1935. Representative James P. Buchanan of Texas, chairman of the house appropriations committee, took part in the first conference and told the correspondents that he would carry a budget of \$2,000,000,000 in excess of estimated revenues through the house by a vote of 240 to 170.

Mr. Buchanan said that he would not support the bill which would not appear to have White House approval. He said he was planning for Washington, refusing to explain his departure, and the conference continued with Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, Acting Budget Director Bell and Mark Shulman.

The President told the press that they were making distinct progress in the reorganization of the federal government, having already cut the departmental estimates by \$100,000,000. He said he was contemplating a bill which would cut the federal budget by \$100,000,000.

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ELVEEN American diplomats and naval officers, accompanied by Secretary of State Hull, have sailed to represent this country in the coming naval conference in London.

At their head is Norman H. Davis, the President's ambassador to London, and E. H. Brown, the State department, who knows all about Japanese and other Far Eastern affairs.

Noel H. Field of the division of war, European affairs, who attended the last naval conference, and Samuel C. Dore, secretary of the American League in Bern, Switzerland, will act as technical assistants.

The navy's four technical experts will be Capt. Royal E. Ingersoll, Commander Roscoe K. Schurmeyer, Lieut. Arthur D. Ararat, and Lieut. J. H. Fulton.

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